REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF

PROPOSITION 88

The California Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) says "NO on Proposition 88."

Would the PTA say "No on 88" if it helped our kid's schools?

Proposition 88 is tricky and misleading. There is NOT ONE WORD in Proposition 88 about helping teachers who buy materials.

And, 88 gives the impression all funds will go to classrooms. Nonsense! Proposition 88 creates layers of costly new bureaucracies and expands old bureaucracies—for a program which forever bans facilities grants to more than 95% of our kid's schools!

This whole new kind of parcel property tax would be collected from 10 million property owners by 58 county tax collectors—with new special exemptions.

Then your money goes to the State Legislature, which decides who gets your tax money. (Proposition 88 – Section 6.2[d])

Then 1000+ school districts collect new data from 9300+ California schools.

Then Proposition 88 requires analysis from a new "integrated longitudinal teacher and student data system as defined by the Legislature." (Section 6.2 [b] [5])

County Treasurer Paul McDonnell says: "Proposition 88 is a costly administrative nightmare, creating new layers of expensive bureaucracy."

Proposition 88 creates a whole new kind of property tax, needing only a majority vote to pass, opening the floodgates to new parcel property tax propositions. A tax with no termination date—it lasts forever. All so fewer than 5% of our kid's schools can ask the State Legislature for a facilities grant?

Our kids, our schools and our taxpayers deserve better. Much better.

Parents, Teachers, and Taxpayers agree... NO on 88!

SUBJECT TO COURT ORDERED CHANGES

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